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Idaho Receives Scattered Rain

Agricultural Summary

Scattered showers throughout the state dropped hundredths of inches to just under an inch of rain last week statewide. Reporting weather stations recorded 80 to 91 degree highs and 30 to 42 degree lows during the past week. Apple harvest is about a quarter complete, and Idaho peach, prune and plum acreage are over three-fourths harvested.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In Caribou County, fall forage for cattle is starting to run out, and some producers may be short of fall feed. Franklin County livestock look good, according to state Extension Educators. Idaho range and pasture is in mostly fair to good condition statewide.

Field Crop Report

Caribou, Power, and Blaine County potato harvest is getting under way. Vines are killed and a few farmers are testing out equipment and getting ready to go. Franklin County silage corn is looking very good (yield and quality). Power County growers started an early dig of sugarbeets but were quickly rained out. They received some cooler weather and welcome thundershowers. Light scattered showers slowed dry bean harvest in Cassia and Minidoka Counties, according to Extension Agents.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 13 percent very short, 38 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Reports indicate 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

<i>Percentages</i>	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	46	24	28
Oats Harvested for Grain	94	83	83
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	91	69	78
Onions Harvested	47	22	48
Dry Beans Harvested	62	30	58
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	67	37	40

Crop Condition

<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Potato	2	7	8	64	19
Irr. Water Supply	--	2	10	53	35
Range and Pasture	1	10	58	30	1

Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	4	9	5	23	33	19	22	23	32	36	31	27	19	20	17
Emerged	--	--	--	1	7	3	3	--	3	8	2	4	3	1	2
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	46	69	60	22	14	21	5	6	7	12	12	15
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	--	--	--	7	--	2	2	3	2	5	1	1
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	97	95	93	77	69	56	89	85	78

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 17, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	84	37	57	-1	3755	2143	1748	0.00	-0.20	0.00	3.31	12.83
Grangeville	80	34	52	-5	3324	1820	1435	0.49	0.10	0.49	13.44	15.39
Lewiston	87	40	61	-3	4792	2984	2553	0.02	-0.17	0.02	6.70	7.05
Sand Point	86	38	--	--	3412	1851	1414	0.00	-0.38	0.00	10.91	14.27
Southwest												
Boise	91	42	62	-2	4884	3142	2451	0.01	-0.16	0.01	6.32	5.79
Caldwell	90	36	--	--	4660	2881	2709	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.45	5.12
Emmett	90	38	61	-2	4484	2771	2389	0.01	-0.15	0.01	7.61	5.90
Mountain Home	91	36	60	-4	4764	3121	2452	0.12	-0.03	0.12	7.08	4.44
Parma	88	37	--	--	4574	2838	2312	0.00	-0.15	0.02	5.36	5.26
Weiser	91	42	65	3	4947	3183	2413	0.03	-0.09	0.08	6.53	5.17
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	86	30	55	-5	3744	2166	2015	0.16	0.02	0.16	5.69	5.30
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	3865	2251	1762	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.87	6.04
Twin Falls	85	31	60	1	4074	2477	1781	0.02	-0.12	0.02	6.40	5.44
East												
Aberdeen	--	--	--	--	3559	2038	1566	0.00	-0.18	0.00	5.69	5.20
Grace	83	36	--	--	3315	1844	1400	0.38	0.07	0.38	7.78	9.42
Idaho Falls	85	35	54	-4	3368	1858	1629	0.76	0.59	0.84	7.58	6.41
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	87	38	55	-4	3734	2179	1863	0.75	0.55	0.75	6.42	6.82
Rexburg	85	30	55	-2	3401	1917	1518	0.89	0.71	1.10	7.92	7.85
Salmon	84	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.

2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.